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TODAY
Scattered Flurries
High: 19, Low: 7



TOMORROW
Partly Cloudy
High: 19, Low: 9

Fun in the snow, part deux



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TOP LEFT: Freshman Chris Rancourt, a sports management major, plows through the defender and the snow. **TOP RIGHT:** Bikes were blocked in by snow. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Senior Jonathan Thompson does a flip from the roof into a big snow pile.

Drifting snow proves tough for clearing crews

By Holly Abrams
Editor-in-Chief

For the second day in a row the University canceled all classes yesterday, leaving students with more time to catch up on studying, sleep and recreation outside while city and campus maintenance crews worked non-stop to clear snow.

The Level 3 snow emergency was lifted around 9 a.m. yesterday to Level 2, which remained in effect at press time. Roadways are still hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only drivers who find it necessary to be on the roads should be out.

According to Deputy Juliann Flage at the Wood County Sheriff's Office, the last Level 3 snow emergency was declared about two years ago. If wind and frigid temperatures were to persist it could be reissued.

The National Weather Service lifted both winter storm and blizzard warnings to a blowing snow advisory for Wood County, in effect until 9 p.m. While no final totals for snowfall had been recorded for Wood County, a total of 14.8 inches was recorded by the National Weather Service for Lucas County.

Today's forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of snow showers and a high around 14 degrees. West winds amounting to 10 or 15 mph will create wind chill values as low as 10 below.

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Snow business

Snow Emergency Levels
Level 1:

- Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow
- Roads are icy
- Caution should be used when driving

Level 2:

- Roadways are extremely hazardous with blowing and drifting snow
- Only those persons who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways
- One's employer should be contacted to see if one should report to work

Level 3:

- All roadways are closed to non-emergency traffic
- Employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work
- An employer may request that all essential employees report to work
- All other traffic is subject to arrest

Source: Wood County Sheriff's Office



JASON RENTNER | THE BG NEWS

Former professor up for Pulitzer Prize in music

By Alexandria Clark
Senior Reporter



Wallace De Pue
Composer who is nominated for a Pulitzer Prize

Starting off singing in his high soprano voice in each class of his elementary school in the fourth grade, former music professor, Wallace De Pue, is up for nomination for a Pulitzer Prize in Music.

De Pue came to the University in 1966 to be hired as the school's choir director, but instead was hired as an instructor in music theory, orchestration, counterpoint and basic musicianship.

"You don't know anything until you have taught it," De Pue said. "I've learned so much from students because they have taught me to look forward and to experiment when it comes to music."

Some students are very excited for De Pue's nomination because it gives them inspiration.

"I am very happy that he is up for a nomination to win a Pulitzer Prize because I listen

to some of his work that he has composed, and it is really awesome," Jacqueline Spinchege, sophomore, said. "It gives me the drive to practice harder on the violin."

But the experimentation of music did not start with his students, but rather De Pue being a student himself.

"In my fourth grade music class we were singing a song, but my teacher heard my high, soprano voice and asked me to sing by myself so she could just hear me," De Pue said.

De Pue said his teacher was so impressed she asked him to go around to each class and sing for them.

De Pue discovered, then, he

had talent and started singing in the boy's choir.

"One day I was singing in the choir, and one of the board members of the Columbus Presbyterian church boy's choir went back to the choir director and said 'this boy can sing,'" De Pue said.

After the board member told the choir director about De Pue's talent, he was offered a full ride to the Columbus boy's choir for five years when he started the fifth grade.

Following his full ride to the Columbus boy's choir, De Pue was on his way to stardom when he won a national competition in high school.

"After I won this competition, I was asked to play the piano on national radio because television didn't exist yet," De Pue said. "And then I went on to play on the Arthur Godfrey show."

Although De Pue had much

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Attendance required

By Christy Johnson
Reporter

Attendance requirements for students are usually built right into the class syllabus.

But instructors have the luxury of canceling class for various reasons, without having to worry about how it will affect their grade.

Or do they?

"If a faculty member has to

be away from campus to go to a conference or workshop, we expect them to cover their class in a responsible way," said Dean of Arts and Sciences Don Nieman.

Students may welcome a cancellation once in awhile, but multiple cancellations can be costly, both academically and financially.

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'Shifting Skins' starts today

By Janeen Morgan
Reporter

The University Department of Film and Theater and University Performing Dancers will put on a production called "Shifting Skins: Tale of Transformation," starting tonight.

Tonight through Saturday the show starts at 8 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday the show is at 2 p.m.

Tickets for adults, students and

senior citizens are \$10 and \$5 for children under 12.

This event will be held at Eve Marie Saint Theater in University Hall.

There are two different acts of this production: Act One is The Ice Wolf by Joanna Halpert Kraus and Act Two is At Last, the Tale of Bird Belly Princess.

Ticket can be purchased by calling the box office at (419) 372-2719.

BLOTTER TUESDAY

3:30 A.M.

Custodian called to report a bat in University Hall. It was removed.

9:09 A.M.

Vehicle reported to have struck a stop sign at Merry Avenue and Mercer Road and left the scene. Driver cited for failure to maintain reasonable control. Under investigation.

12:17 P.M.

Van reported to have driven off without paying for \$25 of gas at a North Main Street station.

3:02 P.M.

Wallet reported stolen at Harshman Bromfield.

3:26 P.M.

Michael T. Garrett, 18, of Whitehouse, Ohio, arrested for assault on Parkview Drive.

3:53 P.M.

People reported dragging a stop sign at Kriescher. Officers were unable to locate them.

10 P.M.

Juvenile pressed 911 and dared his mother to hit the dial button. Mother says she pushed it accidentally. Verbal argument only. Juvenile advised he would go to the Juvenile Detention Center if problem was reported again.

11:41 P.M.

Four intoxicated subjects caused disturbance trying to enter a East Court Street bar.

WEDNESDAY

12:10 A.M.

Blake N. Appt, 26, and Ashley R. Dawson, 21, both of Bowling Green, cited for operating a vehicle while under the influence. Disabled vehicle was in a snow drift. Driver and passenger attempted to drive and push the vehicle out of drift. Vehicle was towed, to be released on a court order.

2:31 P.M.

Nicholas A. Snyder, 23, of Stryker, Ohio, and Mollie Jill Hanna, 21 of Ottawa, Ohio, arrested for disorderly conduct. Both found highly intoxicated and laying in middle of a road. Officer gave them a warning. Later both found laying in road again and cited.

PULITZER

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musical talent, he did not pursue it professionally because he could not see himself playing other people's music.

"I wanted to play my own ideas because I like what I heard," De Pue said. "And at a University I had the chance to study different types of music as well as compose my own material."

As a result of not pursuing his talents professionally, De Pue began to study many types of music in order to become a professor.

De Pue retired from the University as a professor in the composition and history department in 1998, but music still never left as his passion.

"I'm insane when it comes to music because I have it in my head all the time," De Pue said. "If there isn't any music playing, I'll go crazy."

De Pue is still composing music.

Recently De Pue was invited, in 2005, to the American Masters Concert Series by the director.

"The director knew of my music and wanted me to prepare a 35 minute composition piece for the whole evening," De Pue said.

De Pue said he was very busy putting together the composition pieces because it took him about a year to prepare for the concert on March 5, 2006.

"I wrote, orchestrated, and engraved the music and wrote all the poetry," De Pue said. "It was all worth the time and hard work because the concert was a huge success."

After the concert De Pue went along with his life, but the director and board members from the concert could not forget his music

"I was hit like a storm when I got word I was up for a Pulitzer Prize."

Wallace De Pue | Composer

composition that night.

On Jan. 18, 2007, the director and board members nominated De Pue's composition piece, 'The Bird, Frog, and Tree Club,' for a Pulitzer Prize in music.

De Pue was honored when the director contacted him to tell him the great news.

"I was hit like a storm when I got word I was up for a Pulitzer Prize," De Pue said.

Others say that De Pue deserves the nomination because he is a great composer.

"He is a very gifted composer and a major part of my success as a conductor," said Paul Stanberry, a conductor for the Hamilton/Fairfield Symphony Orchestra.

Stanberry was the conductor who conducted De Pue's composition piece that is up for nomination and a former student of his.

"Yeah he was my teacher for three years in music theory, honors music theory, and analysis during 1972 to 1976 at BGSU," Stanberry said.

Stanberry said collaborating with his former teacher was very interesting and emotional.

"It was an interesting collaboration because the roles were reversed; he was the pupil while I was the teacher, this time because I gave him suggestions on how to simplify his piece during his creative process when he was putting it together for the event," Stanberry said.

REQUIRED

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"I truly believe that students deserve the classes they are scheduled for, and I think most staff members consider those classes very valuable," Nieman said.

There is no set attendance requirement for professors, Nieman explained, but if multiple cancellations are brought to the attention of the department, irresponsibly canceling may be reprimanded.

"I definitely don't mind when classes are canceled, but if they cancel class more than they allow us in the syl-

labus to skip, then we should put that in the evaluation and the department should take notice," said John Bises, junior.

If the amount of class cancellations a professor is making is something that needs to be immediately addressed, students can contact the academic department of that faculty member.

"If students feel they are being shortchanged in any way, they can talk to the faculty member's department chair or inquire [in] the department of the faculty in question," Nieman said.

And in this instance, short-changed can be meant liter-

ally, in the form of dollars and cents.

"If we're paying for the class, then that's not fair to the students when an instructor has multiple cancellations," Rachel Gluko, junior, said.

Not only do class cancellations take away time set aside for learning, it wastes hard earned and very valuable tuition money.

The cost for one credit hour at the University for an Ohio resident is \$444, making a three credit hour course cost \$1,332.

That means every time a professor makes a class cancellation, \$41 of tuition fees go down the drain.

SNOW

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"The main problem last night was the wind blowing..."

Bill Blair | Public Works Director

Twenty public works employees and three supervisors are working 12-hour shifts to clear city roads, parking lots and sidewalks of snow, according to Bill Blair, public works director. Crews will continue to work through Friday at midnight.

After streets are cleared, snow will be picked up and transported to the Wood County Fair grounds, Blair said, where it may take until May for it to melt.

"Our priority when we started was to keep the main thoroughfares open, Wooster and Main Streets leading to the hospital," Blair said. "The main passes are to get the roads open for vehicular traffic, we then go 'pushing back' so the post office can deliver."

According to Blair, the worst drifting happened in the southwest part of town.

"The main problem last night was the main blowing which really piled up high on the streets," Blair said. "Now we're just digging out."

Blair warned that if residents do not clear their sidewalks within 24 hours of the storm ending, they could risk a civil infraction citation and a fine of \$40 to \$50. In addition, cars parked on streets that are not moved risk being towed or plowed in with snow.

Any attempts by residents to remove vehicles parked on streets, even non-designated snow streets, would be appreciated, according to Lori Tretter, city public information officer. In addition, city recycling services have been suspended until Friday.

University Director of Media Relations Teri Sharp said yesterday afternoon that classes and all normal University operations would resume this morning.

For continual updates from the University, call the BGSU Emergency Phone Line at 372-SNOW, Fax Line at 372-2445 or check the BGSU home page.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Annual Undergraduate Art & Design Exhibition
Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman Galleries

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SUSHI Thursday
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11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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5:30 - 6 p.m.

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7 p.m. - midnight

Sail to Jamaica @ Destinations Snack Bar
Harshman

7:30 p.m.

International Film Series: "Facing Windows"
Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall

7:30 p.m.

Visiting Writers Series: Nancy Lord
Prout Chapel

8 p.m.

"Shifting Skins: Tales of Transformation"
Eva Marie Saint Theater, University Hall

8 p.m.

Trumpet Ensemble
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

9:15 p.m.

Scholarship Training Session
318 Union

GET A RIDDLE

What is so fragile that when you say its name you break it?

Silence

'Mustache Club' busies students

By William Hageman
MCT

It is growing season at Carleton College.

The school's Mustache Club has sprung into action, with members continuing a time-honored campus tradition.

"I don't know the exact year it started," said club co-president Willy Guenther, a senior from Oak Park, Ill. "It goes back six or seven years, I think."

A club devoted to promoting the growth, appreciation and awareness of 'staches fits right in at Carleton. The private liberal arts school in Northfield, Minn., also has clubs for croquet aficionados, fans of Lindy hop dancing and redheads. There's also a group called the Gender Neutral Cheerboys.

"Carleton students are a little like that, especially in the winter when it's cold and you're looking for something to entertain yourself," Guenther said, referring to the Mustache Club, not those Cheerboys.

"I think it grew out of a sense of, what can we do for camaraderie's sake during the winter?"

He said it's too early to tell how many are in the club — that fuzzy guy you pass in the hall could be a member, or maybe he's just a guy with a broken razor — but last year there were about 50 students and a half-dozen faculty members involved.

"Really, the size is determined when we have our annual meeting," added Chicagoan John Kracum, a senior who has been a club member for three years. "We expect more this year because last year there was a large group of underclassmen."

Club membership standards aren't particularly rigid; a minimum two weeks' growth is required to join.

And let's have no whining about discrimination. Women can join too. According to the rules, if a woman is willing to shave her face, excluding the upper lip area, she's in.

Aside from keeping students' minds off more ponderous issues — classes, Northfield's 40-inch annual snowfall, a rebirth of the draft — the Mustache Club also lets them do some good. Money raised by the sale of club T-shirts — there's a mustachioed smiley

face on the front — goes to a local organization that aids victims of domestic or child abuse and sexual assault. The mustache mania will reach its peak on March 11. At 10 that night, the evening before finals start, the school serves its annual Late Night Breakfast in the dining hall. The club convenes in a corner, where the presidents deliver their State of the Mustache addresses and members get to show off what they've cultivated.

"During most of the term, everybody just sort of grows facial hair and doesn't really trim or create a mustache," Guenther said. "But at the Late Night Breakfast, people will do a Civil War mustache with long muttonchops, or a soul patch, or a Fu Manchu or a handlebar mustache."

"It's a lot of fun. It's not serious, obviously," Kracum said.

"You can't go into it thinking we're pushing for mustache rights or anything. It's just a good way for people to get together and do something they wouldn't do normally. Just a good, lighthearted experience."

Interested in buying a T-shirt? Drop Willy Guenther an e-mail at guentherw@carleton.edu.

Man, 43, dives into college swimming

By Jerry Brewer
MCT

TACOMA, Wash. — They call him Old Man Turc.

Mike Turcott is a 43-year-old college swimmer. He has Speedos older than some of his teammates.

He has hair so thin Matt Hasselbeck could appreciate it, with gray sprinkled throughout. His cell phone rings classical music. His ginger gait after a morning practice suggests soreness.

Stroll Pacific Lutheran University's student center in search of Old Man Turc, and you only need to say you're looking for Mike.

"Everybody knows Mike," the cashier lady in the cafeteria says. "He's downstairs getting coffee."

This weekend, a wild yet rewarding period in Old Man Turc's life comes to an end. He's retiring from college swimming after one season. He's competing in the 200- and 400-yard individual medleys and the 1,650-yard free-style at the Northwest Conference Championships, which continue

through Sunday in Walla Walla. After that, he just wants to be a dad/cop again.

No more rising at 4:55 each morning to drive from Olympia to campus in time for a 6 o'clock practice. No more hustling from practice to class to his job with the Washington State Patrol. No more working through lunch to finish up in time to make an afternoon practice. No more balancing fatherhood with school and athletics.

"I've enjoyed every minute, every moment," Turcott said. "No regrets. I'm ready for it to be over, though."

Old Man Turc swam only two years in high school. He first attended Pacific Lutheran from 1982-1985, but he didn't want to compete then.

For 21 years, Turcott stopped swimming competitively. He left college in 1985 to join the state patrol. In 2003, he hit the pool again to get in shape. He started competing in Masters events. He lost about 30 pounds.

Two years ago, he returned to PLU, intent on finishing his sociology degree. He added a physical



TOM REESE | MCT PHOTO

BACK IN THE WATER: Mike Turcott, 43, returned to Pacific Lutheran University after 20-plus years to swim.

education minor and began taking aquatics courses. That is how he came to know Jim Johnson, the PLU swim coach.

In Division III, the NCAA has no age restrictions. But Turcott needed to become a full-time student to compete.

"Some people might think that's crazy," Old Man Turc said, "but I had to do it."

Low standards in schools encourage six-year plan

By Scott Travis
MCT

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Forget about the four-year college student. At most South Florida universities, students are struggling to finish their educations in six years.

Graduation rates at South Florida's colleges and universities trail the state and the nation. Only one major four-year institution in South Florida, the University of Miami, has a six-year graduation rate above 50 percent, according to the most recent figures available from the schools and the National Center for Education Statistics.

At Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, 37 percent finished in six years. Nova Southeastern in Davie had a graduation rate of 39 percent. A substantially smaller number of students finish in four years, with FAU among the lowest at 16 percent.

"To graduate in four years, you have to take 15 hours every semester and basically have no life," said FAU sophomore Kristi Digennaro, of Boca Raton, who expects to graduate in five years. "I take 12 to 14 hours a semester."

But some education experts see this as a problem. Students who spend five or more years in college end up with more debt and a smaller lifetime earning potential than those who get out in four years, said Danette Gerald, senior research associate for the Education Trust, a research and policy organization based in Washington, D.C.

"We should be very concerned if students who enroll

in our colleges have less than a 1-in-2 chance of getting a degree in four years," she said. "Most don't finish until five or six years, and of course many never finish at all. We need to ask ourselves, are we setting our students up to be as successful as possible?"

Educators say there are many reasons for these low numbers. Some students transfer to other colleges. Many students are nontraditional, fitting in a few classes between work and family life. Some students can only afford to take a few classes at a time. Some schools have low admission standards and end up with a large number of students who are unprepared for college.

"We have a commitment to open access," said Don Rosenblum, dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Fla. "We have a sizeable non-traditional population — students who have not been in a university setting for 10 or 15 years. Not all of them are going to be successful." He also said many students take core classes at Nova Southeastern, then complete their degrees elsewhere.

National research has shown that schools with higher admission standards tend to have higher graduation rates.

In addition, schools that serve traditional 18- to 22-year-old students have rates higher than those serving commuter or nontraditional students.

As a statewide system, the graduation rate for public universities in Florida compares favorably with the nation's.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Do you donate blood often?



"No, I choose not to."

BRIAN GOODSITE, Senior, Accounting



"Yes, I've given blood four times."

KYLIE BIGGERT, Freshman, Environmental Studies



"I don't because I'm afraid of needles."

JOELLE MAGERS, Freshman, Nursing



"I donated it once, but got too scared after that."

KYLE SHAW, Freshman, Pre-Med

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MATT MAUK | BG NEWS ILLUSTRATOR

STAFF EDITORIAL | CAMPUS CLOSURE

University must improve policy on closing campus for severe weather

The recent blizzard that hit Northwest Ohio all but shut down schools and businesses across the region. On local TV stations, countless announcements scrolled by as schools closed down for Tuesday and Wednesday. Most of these announcements came early in the evening and continued on into the night.

However, on both nights, the University gave no such early announcement of cancellation or even a delay, instead waiting until early in the morning to announce cancellations.

According to the University's Severe Weather Closing Policy, "efforts will be made to notify media, send e-mail, and post Web announcements by 6:30 a.m. on the day of closing." While the policy was put into action, it was not done so early enough.

By 11 p.m. Tuesday, other colleges, such as the University of Findlay and Owens Community College, had cancelled all classes on Wednesday. The University of Toledo had already postponed Wednesday's classes until 12 p.m., and then later cancelled for the remainder of the day. The decision for the University to close on Wednesday was not officially made until 5:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, according to the University Snow Hotline.

The BG News staff feels that the University should determine whether campus will remain open or closed in a timely manner. The University should also make more of an effort to follow policy with contacting students in the event of a campus closure.

The University placed a Web announcement on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, but it is not noticeable enough. A banner at the top of the page stating that the campus was closed would be a better, more visible option than the small, orange circle located on the right side of the Web page.

Other universities in Ohio, including Miami University, the University of Toledo and Ohio State University, placed announcements on their student Web sites or on Blackboard. However, no such announcement was placed by the University on MyBGSU. Instead, it was left up to individual departments, such as the College of Arts and Sciences, to post MyBGSU announcements of class cancellations. The University should take the initiative to post a Blackboard message informing students that campus is closed instead of waiting for individual departments to do so.

Additionally, the University should send out an e-mail to all students, staff, and faculty announcing the closure. This is included as part of the closing policy, but was not done on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Most importantly, the University must decide at an earlier time whether to cancel classes or keep campus open. Opening the campus at 12 p.m. until a later decision can be made, much like the University of Toledo decided on Tuesday night, would help ensure that roads are safe to travel on for commuter students.

It would also be a benefit to students living on-campus, many of whom went to bed last night with no clue on whether campus would be open or closed.

There is also the issue of safety for students who have to drive to campus. By making these students wait until early in the morning for news on campus closing, the University runs the risk of such students not finding out until after they have left. Announcing Tuesday night that classes were delayed until 12 p.m. or canceled all together would have saved commuting students from both hassle and potential danger on the snow-covered roads.

By improving how early a campus closure is decided upon, and how it is announced to students, the University can save its students the stress and hassle of having to wait with uncertainty.

YOU DECIDE

Would you rather have class canceled for snow or cold? Send an e-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

Donating blood imperative, necessary to help save more lives



KRISTEN VASAS OPINION COLUMNIST

Raging winds and billowing snow aren't the only things rampaging across campus these days.

The changes in weather brings a wave of widespread infections, storming through classrooms and dormitories, merciless as to whom it decides to take.

The recent flu-like symptoms invading our campus seem to stop at nothing, no matter what preventions are taken to block them from invading our system.

So why all the illness?

Does it have to do with a lack of proper sanitary procedures? Are some people's immune systems more competent at fighting infections than others? What about where we live? What we eat? Who we hang out with?

Unfortunately, most of the students on a college campus, including ours, never take the time out of their busy college lives to get the answers to these routine questions.

For most of us, our immediate answer to any health related question is simply to go to the doctor, list off our many complaints or ailments and receive an extraordinary pill or liquid which will have us back to our normal selves in a matter of days.

Simple, quick and effective. Nothing to it.

But for some people out there, a swift and easy trip to

the doctor's just won't cut it when it comes to medical ailments. Some of us need more than just a magical pill to make us feel better.

But what happens when what we need to cure us is unavailable?

For many Americans and others across the globe, this is the case every single day. A simple antibiotic or shot of penicillin will never cure or relieve some of the diseases or medical problems that thousands of people endure on a regular basis.

However, some of these highly sought after treatments and medicines are really not that hard to find. In fact, one of these desired substances can be found by simply pricking your very own arm, more frequently known as a blood donation.

Blood donation is one of the most commonly forgotten types of "medication" by the average person in our society today. However, in reality, someone in America needs blood every two seconds that goes by, according to the American Red Cross.

On top of that, approximately 8 million volunteer blood donors donate about 12.6 million units of whole blood in the United States each year, according to www.bloodcenters.org.

Although this may seem like a relatively large number, consider that on any given day, approximately 34,000 units of red blood cells are needed. According to the above Web site, "more than 23 million units of blood components are used every year."

Obviously, after compar-

ing the statistics, it's apparent that the need for blood is great, even with all the donors currently contributing to the cause.

Perhaps one of the reasons why more of us choose not to donate is because many Americans don't know exactly where their blood is going and whom it is going to affect.

Blood, although it is used for such extreme cases as cancer, anemia, leukemia and sickle cell disease, is also used in mundane procedures as well, such as replacing blood that was lost during a surgery or in an accident.

Another proposed reason for the insufficient amount of blood donors can be linked to the implied discriminatory nature of the donation application that must be filled out in order to donate.

The application prohibits blood donations from any man who has had sex with another man since 1977 for the rest of his life on the basis of spreading the blood transmitted disease, HIV.

However, since June 2006, the Red Cross has been petitioning the government to revise these guidelines, according to the Washington Blade.

The Red Cross joined the American Association of Blood Banks and America's Blood Centers in asking for guidelines that treat all donors equally as they now believe that improved HIV testing makes the current ban outdated.

"There is newer and more accurate testing available," said Ryland Dodge, director of biomedical communication for the Red Cross in Washington, D.C. "We are in unison with the

"Obviously, after comparing the statistics, it's apparent that the need for blood is great, even with all the donors currently contributing to the cause."

other organizations in calling for new guidelines."

Although this issue has not been resolved as of yet, the Red Cross plans on continuing their petitions in order to create equality among blood donors.

While I realize that not everyone has the ability to donate blood to those who need it, it is imperative that those of us who do have that opportunity take advantage of it.

I know that the idea of needles and blood can make some people queasy and apprehensive, but in reality, the procedure is relatively painless and is over in a matter of minutes.

Although spending four to six minutes of your time donating will not end the current diseases spreading across our campus, your donation does have the possibility of saving the life of someone who may have perished without it.

Send comments to Kristen Vasas at kristev@bgsu.edu.

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Chicken is America's choice

By Kathy Manweiler
MCT

If we are what we eat, then America might be a nation of chickens.

On average, consumers say they eat chicken five times in a two-week period, according to a 2006 National Chicken Council survey. Other research finds fried chicken has been the fastest-growing fast-food menu item over the past decade.

No doubt it is popular, but fried chicken is far from healthy. A five-piece order of McDonald's Chicken Selects contains 630 calories and 33 fat grams.

A more nutritious alternative is "un-frying" breaded chicken in the oven, but it can be tricky to find a method and recipe that mimics fried chicken.

I experimented with several recipes, then mixed and matched some of the tips and



BRIAN CORN | MCT

ALTERNATIVE CHOICE: Healthy chicken fingers opposed to fried chicken.

ingredients to come up with "un-fried" chicken that made my junk-food-loving taste buds happy.

My version is based on a recipe by Rosie Daley, former chef to Oprah Winfrey. Her breaded was fantastic, but it wouldn't stick well to the chicken with the yogurt coating she suggested.

NYU has problem with unwanted visitors

By Brady Donnelly
U-Wire

New York University will be working with the New York City Parks Department to help rid Washington Square Park of its escalating rat problem. This is in response to an increasing number of complaints from the local community.

The university hopes to help eliminate the current rat population and preventing future infestations, with the university focusing on its own property and the city focusing on the park, said Alicia Hurley, associate vice president for government and community affairs.

After consulting with the city, NYU has reassessed its own current pest-control and trash-removal processes, and recently hired a specialty contractor to design a more effective approach, which includes "rodent-proofing" several university buildings by using sealants.

The Parks Department recently hired an exterminator to place bait throughout the park, including the rat burrows. Though poison will not be placed directly in those areas, Parks Department spokesman Ashe Reardon said signs will be placed to notify park-goers who plan to bring their dogs to the dog run.

Low-dose birth control increases risk of fatal blood clots

By Lizeth Cazares
U-Wire

DAVIS, Calif. — The public interest organization Public Citizens sent a petition in early February urging the Food and Drug Administration to ban the third-generation low-dose birth control pills. They claim that these new contraceptive pills double the risk of potentially fatal blood clots, or thrombosis, in comparison to other pills.

According to Dr. Sidney Wolfe, director of Public Citizens' research group, the new type of birth control uses a specific type of progesterone, desogestrel, which increases the risk of fatal blood clots. In every 100,000 women who take low-estrogen birth control pills, 30 develop blood clots — compared to 15 out of 100,000 women who take the regular-dose birth control pills.

While second-generation pills that do not contain desogestrel

are still prescribed more often than those that do, approximately 7.5 million prescriptions of these new birth control pills are filled every year.

"We estimate that hundreds of women are affected each year," Wolfe said.

He said since sending the petition, the research group has received calls from three women who developed blood clots and suffered health problems when taking birth control pills.

Heart problems can be hidden

By Nancy Churnin
MCT

DALLAS — It has been nine years since Brian Price played two hard-driving basketball games for Cistercian Preparatory School in Irving, Texas, went to a movie, slumped in his seat and died.

No one knew he had long Q-T syndrome, a form of arrhythmia that could have been treated with medication effective in 90 percent of affected people.

He was 15 years old.

Deaths of young, seemingly healthy athletes such as Brian are all the more tragic for being so unexpected, says Dr. William Scott, chief of cardiology at Children's Medical Center Dallas and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Scott is familiar with silent heart killers such as arrhythmias (abnormal heartbeats) and structural heart and artery defects. He has helped many



KIM RITZENTHALER | MCT

ALWAYS REMEMBERED: Katharine Price (right) lost her 15-year-old son, Brian Price (pictured at left), to heart disease. She and her mom, Betty Glasheen (left) hold an annual fundraiser to raise money and awareness for heart disease in Dallas, Texas, January 28, 2004.

patients who had warning signs, but he also has comforted grieving parents whose child's first symptom turned out to be the last.

In those cases, he tries to counsel surviving family members to get tested because these conditions usually are hereditary.

"We try to make sure it is not a double tragedy by making sure that no one else is at risk," he says.

While parents and teens need to be aware of potential hidden heart problems, they also should remember that these conditions are rare, affecting as few as 1 in 500 to 10,000 people, he says.

Drinking in moderation is healthy?

By Nadia Lamantia
U-Wire

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Could a beer a day keep the doctor away? Not necessarily, but a pint a day isn't bad for you, says Caleb Staton, head brewer at Bloomington, Ind.'s Upland Brewery.

There is a widespread misconception about traditional beer being unhealthy, which Staton says is untrue if you drink it in moderation.

Because nutritional information is not required by law to be on the sides of alcohol containers, many people misjudge its dietary content.

Some might be surprised that even regular beer has healthful nutrients such as vitamin B and riboflavin — which helps the body break down carbs and produce red blood cells — and can be good for you.

Light beers have fewer calories and fewer carbohydrates than regular beer.

But is it really so much different that drinking only light beer will help students avoid the dreaded "beer belly?"

Regular beer is actually relatively low in carbohydrates to begin with.

A traditional 12 oz. beer has about 13 grams of carbohydrates and about 146 calories, according to DietFacts.com, while 12 oz. light beers have 100 calories and five grams of carbohydrates.

Light beers are created through fermenting out more of the maltose, or sugar, than traditional beer.

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Search and seizure case reaches Ohio Supreme Court

COLUMBUS (AP) — The Ohio Supreme Court yesterday ordered a lower court to reconsider whether Cleveland police legally entered a man's house in 2003.

In a 4-2 decision, justices said the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court should take another look at the case in light of a July decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that made it easier for officers with search warrants to storm homes without knocking or waiting.

In the Ohio case, Terry Oliver argued that when police execute a search warrant they must knock on the door, announce their purpose and identify themselves before they forcibly come in, as they did when they came into his home on March 22, 2003.

Police, who did knock on Oliver's door, but got no response and entered anyway, found a

"The police in this case burst through the front door; the majority today sneaks through the jurisprudential back door, tacitly adopting the United States Supreme Court's decision."

Paul Pfeifer | Ohio Supreme Court Justice

large black bag containing marijuana, a gun, \$330 and drug paraphernalia.

Writing for the majority, Ohio Chief Justice Thomas Moyer said because of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, the issue is for the lower court to decide.

Justice Paul Pfeifer wrote in a dissent that the key question in

the case was whether the Ohio Constitution provides more protections to homeowners in search cases than the U.S. Constitution.

"The police in this case burst through the front door; the majority today sneaks through the jurisprudential back door, tacitly adopting the United States Supreme Court's decision," he wrote.

Costumed gunman kills five in Valentine's Day rampage

By Debbie Hummel
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Most were there to buy Valentine's Day gifts. Mother and daughter, father and son, lovers. They were visiting a card shop and stopping for a bite to eat at Trolley Square.

The outcome, however, had nothing to do with bliss: Five people were gunned down at random and four others were injured.

"I can't believe this is happening," said Jenny Campbell of Harrison, Ohio, near Cincinnati, whose sister, Vanessa Quinn, 29, was killed.

"She was saying Salt Lake was the safest. ... She loved biking, running. She loved nature. She just loved Salt Lake," Campbell said of her sister, a Cincinnati native and a four-year letterwinner on the University of Cincinnati soccer team who



DOUGLAS C. PIZAC | AP PHOTO

NO MORE CARDS: A worker paints a sheet of plywood as a temporary repair to a plate glass window that was shot out in a gift store in Trolley Square mall. A gunman shot and killed five people, wounding four more before being shot and killed by police in Salt Lake City, Utah this week.

moved to Salt Lake City about five years ago.

Besides Quinn, the other dead were Jeffrey P. Walker, 52, Kirsten Hinkley, 15, Teresa Ellis, 29, and her boyfriend, Brad Frantz, 24.

Walker and his son, Alan "A.J."

Walker, 16, were shopping for gifts for women in the family.

A.J. described the gunman as "a man in a costume." He is aware that his father was shot but on the advice of doctors will not be told of his death for a day or two, McDougal said.

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Republicans aim to cut estate tax, create incentive to retire in Ohio

By Matt Leingang
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — House Republican leaders said yesterday they will push to either cut or eliminate Ohio's estate tax, which they believe is driving residents to other states for retirement.

The tax is levied on estates valued over \$338,333 at the time of a person's death and before the property — real estate, stocks, automobiles or other tangible goods — is distributed to heirs. If the estate is transferred to a spouse, no tax is due.

Republicans said doing away with the estate tax is the next step in their plan to reform Ohio's tax code.

"This sends a strong message that we want people to earn,

"This sends a strong message that we want people to earn, live and invest in Ohio."

Jon Husted | House Speaker

live and invest in Ohio," said House Speaker Jon Husted, R-Kettering.

The estate tax raised \$273 million in fiscal year 2006. Under a state formula, 80 percent, or \$219 million, was dispersed to local governments and 20 percent, or \$54 million, stayed with the state.

Gov. Ted Strickland, a Democrat who is drafting his first two-year budget proposal, opposes the idea of cutting or eliminating the estate tax given Ohio's tight fiscal environment, spokesman Keith W said.

Strickland said last month that growth in tax revenues will not meet expectations, leaving budget planners with between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion less than projected to spend on government programs.

In announcing their plan to do away with the estate tax, Republicans did not provide data showing that the tax is driving retirees out of the state.

"We want to make Ohio competitive and remove any burden that might inhibit people from living here," said Karen Tabor, a spokesman for Husted.

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R&B singer Beyoncé Knowles will be on the cover of this year's Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue, making her the first non-athlete, non-model to dawn the cover of the yearly issue. See more | Page 8

SCHEDULE

TODAY

Swimming:
MAC Championships; All Day at Ypsilanti, MI

OUR CALL

On the way up

Ways to lose for BG: The men's basketball got a technical for thinking the game was over. This one wasn't their fault in our opinion, just another bump in the road for these Falcons.



On the way down

The Boston Celtics: Even though they beat the injury-riddled Bucks tonight, their season will still fall further into the tank when they go on their West Coast trip after the All-Star Break. Does it count as a win if the East wins the All-Star Game?



The List

In honor of the snow days, The BG News presents the top five things to do on a snow day.

1. Sleep: What is the point of being awake — no class, no work, might as well catch up on the shut-eye.

2. Watch ESPN

Classic: Honestly, what is better than college basketball games from the '80s featuring guys like Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing and Danny Ferry?

3. Watch Star Wars:

For some reason HBO has played these movies to the point of nausea this week and we are watching them because of snow days.

4. Go sledding: If you can find a hill without the snow having been blown off, hit the slopes! This guy [below] has got the right idea.

5. Play football:

Pretend like it doesn't hurt as much to hit the ground when there's this much snow on it.



Jack Entenza 9
sledding enthusiast

Falcons fall to Buffalo in strange finish

By Bill Bordewick
Reporter

Bizarre.

That pretty much sums up the series of events that led to the BG men's basketball team losing to Buffalo 98-90 in overtime on Tuesday night.

With BG leading 77-75, Buffalo appeared to lose the game when Parnell Smith's off-balance jumper missed everything as the shot clock and the game clock expired.

"I told my guys, 'let's get in the shower and get out of here — there's a blizzard coming. And we have to drive through it five hours...'"

Dan Dakich | BG Coach

The Falcons left the court and headed to the locker room believing that they had won.

"I told my guys, 'let's get in the shower and get out of here

— there's a blizzard coming,'" said BG coach Dan Dakich, who said he would not bother appealing the outcome of the game. "And we have to drive

through it five hours ..."

After checking with the television monitor, the three officials ruled that there was more time on the game clock as the shot clock expired and it was determined six-tenths of a second would be placed on the clock.

Referee Ken Turner went to the BG locker room to inform Dakich and the rest of the team that the game was not over.

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BOWLING GREEN 91 | AKRON 46



LEFT: Amber Flynn goes up for a shot. Flynn finished the game with 11 points and four rebounds in 25 minutes.

TOP: Ali Mann passes the ball in last night's game. Mann finished with nine points despite coming down with bronchitis this week.

BOTTOM: Ali Mann (left), Kate Achter (middle) and Liz Honegger (right) share a few laughs in last night's game.

JASON RENTNER | THE BG NEWS

Total domination

BG outplays Akron in all aspects, rolls to a big victory to continue streaks



By Colin Wilson
Assistant Sports Editor

"We were able to spread minutes out through the whole team."

Curt Miller | BG Coach

There aren't many ways to beat the BG women's basketball team. Giving up a 13-0 run to start the game is not one of them. The Falcons rolled over Akron 91-46 and dominated in every aspect of the game. It seemed as though the Zips didn't know what hit them right from the tip-off.

"I thought the last few days we were well prepared in our practices and scouting reports, but they just made us look really bad tonight," said Akron coach Jodi Kest.

Akron, the last place team in the MAC East, came into the game winners of two of their last three, but showed few signs of life against BG. They shot 36 percent from the field and made just 2-of-16 three-pointers. BG coach Curt Miller was pleased with his team's effort as every active player logged 10 or more minutes.

"Just what the doctor ordered tonight.

We were able to spread minutes out through the whole team," Miller said. "Everyone on our team scored more than five points tonight."

The bench scored 41 points for the Falcons including three-pointers by Tara Breske and Laura Bugher, both were career-firsts. Their teammates were excited.

"It's awesome. They're going to be great post players in this conference and for this team and continue the tradition once we're gone," said BG forward Ali Mann.

Brekse logged 15 minutes and scored nine points. The freshman practiced with the starters Tuesday because Ali Mann was at home with bronchitis.

Mann struggled from the field but still managed to score seven points and pull down seven rebounds. Miller was not surprised that he wrote her name

on the scoresheet though.

"She's the ultimate warrior. I knew if she was at all able to breathe that she would give it a go," he said.

BG also had stellar play from the point guard position as Kate Achter scored 12 points and shared the ball well with seven assists. Jasmine McCall came off the bench to add nine points three assists and two steals. Both players found lanes all game and took advantage of it with dribble penetration. The best statistic in the game for the Falcons was the turnover margin. BG turned the ball over a season-low seven times in the game.

"That's one of the focuses on the game, is to have low turnovers and take care of the ball," said BG guard Megan Thorburn. "We try to work on that a lot and just make smart decisions."

The Falcons continued their national-best, 29-game home winning streak with the victory as well as their 37-game MAC streak and their 16-game overall streak. Every Falcon scored at least five points.

The Falcons will travel to Buffalo Saturday for a 5 p.m. game.

GAME NOTES

SHARING THE BALL: BG has four players in double-figures and all its players scored at least five points.

EQUAL PLAYING TIME: The Falcons had every active player in for at least 10 minutes. Amber Flynn's 25 minutes were the highest.

BEST IN THE NATION: BG continued its national-best 29-game home winning streak with last night's victory.

SOME OTHER STREAKS: The Falcons also continued their 37-game conference winning streak, 16-game overall winning streak and have now won 19 straight games against Akron at Anderson Arena.

PLAYING THROUGH ANYTHING: Ali Mann played in the game despite coming down with bronchitis early in the week. She has never missed a game for BG.

QUOTABLE: "I just love this game and I love to play and I'm gonna be here for my team night in and night out no matter what it takes," Ali Mann.

Bowling team excels at BG

By Adam Louis
Reporter

"We put the bowling in Bowling Green," says the official Myspace page of the BGSU Bowling Club. Established last year, the club has become one of the top 30 teams in the nation.

Team member Phillip Savelli said the team formed when he and other bowlers became acquainted at individual events.

"We all met up [at Bowling Green] and figured out we had a good enough team to compete," Savelli said.

The team placed third in its first tournament.

"I think we've been better than expected," said head coach Bill Wammas. Wammas is also the proprietor of Al-Mar Lanes, located at 1010 Main St.

The team competes throughout the American Heartland Intercollegiate Conference, which consists of teams in the Midwest. They compete in Indianapolis at the Hoosier Classic on Feb. 17.

Each tournament's results figures into national rankings, which allows the teams to advance to larger-scale competitions.

"Hopefully next year with the incoming freshmen, we might be able to have enough for a men's and women's team," Savelli said.

The team is planning a raffle to raise money for a trip to the sectional tournament. The prize will be a Cosmic Bowling Party at Al-Mar Lanes for 40 people.

For more information regarding the team or raffle tickets, contact Phillip Savelli at psavell@bgsu.edu or call Bill Wammas at Al-Mar Lanes at 419-352-4637.

City built on gambling needs its own team

By Tim Dahlberg
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Nobody does a party like this gambling town, a big reason why the NBA picked it for an All-Star celebration that threatens to add a new definition to the word excess. There are so many A-list happenings on the glittering Las Vegas Strip that Sunday's game seems almost an afterthought.

It's the first time the NBA has held the annual exhibition in a city that doesn't have a team. Already there's talk about a return All-Star appearance in a few years.

What Las Vegas really wants, though, is something more permanent — a team of its own. So far, the glitzy city has struck out trying to land one from the four major sports.

Las Vegas may have the biggest hotels in the world, including a \$7 billion resort complex under construction that other cities could never match. But it still looks with envy at more sedate places like Indianapolis that have teams — and titles.

"I think Las Vegas is the next great world city, and a component part of that has to be a major league team, be it NBA, NHL, baseball or football," said Mayor Oscar Goodman. "That's what makes great American cities."

A big part of the problem for Las Vegas is that other American cities weren't built on gambling. Other American cities don't have neighborhood casinos that make it as easy to bet on a game as it is to go to the supermarket for a gallon of milk.

Leagues already wary of betting scandals are even more wary of committing a team to play in a place where betting is not only tolerated, but encouraged.

"It's not about a moral crusade about gambling," NBA commissioner David Stern said when announcing the All-Star game would be in Las Vegas. "It's just about betting on basketball games."

To land the All-Star game, casino

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Beyonce to be featured on SI swimsuit cover

LOS ANGELES — Tyra Banks marks a modeling milestone next week, and is donning a decade-old bikini to celebrate the special anniversary.

Ten years ago, Banks became the first black supermodel to appear alone on the cover of the Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition. The 2007 edition, which has a music theme, features 25-year-old singer and "Dreamgirls" actress Beyonce on the cover wearing a yellow-and-pink bikini.

Sports Illustrated said Beyonce is the first nonmodel/nonathlete to appear as the main subject on the cover of the swimsuit issue.

The inside of the magazine features scantily clad models posing with Kanye West, Aerosmith, Kenny Chesney, Gnarlz Barkley and Panic! At the Disco. A five-page spread featuring model Anne Vyalitsyna was shot at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

Banks, 33, recently returned to the Bahamas to recreate the shoot that landed her on the cov-

eted Sports Illustrated cover, even wearing the same red polka dot bikini — with a few adjustments.

"I was about 140 pounds on that cover ... and I'm 161 now," the 5-foot-10 TV host told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I'd say I looked like a stripper when I put it on."

Banks, who retired from modeling in 2005, said some extra fabric was added to make the bikini a little less itchy.

"They covered the sides of my chest so that it wasn't so much hangin' out. And they put some extenders on the sides of the bikini bottom so it fit," she said.

Last month, Banks, who hosts the syndicated "The Tyra Banks Show" and the CW network's "America's Next Top Model," was mocked on the Internet for unflattering photos showing her in a one-piece bathing suit.

In the AP Radio interview, Banks said she considered going on a crash diet before the Bahamas shoot to look the same as she did 10 years ago, but then thought better of it.

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no sports books agreed not to accept bets on it, a concession easily made since it's an exhibition that hardly anyone bets on anyway. The casinos, though, made it clear they won't do the same for an entire season.

Goodman has made it his mission in recent years to lure some sort of team to town, even going so far as to show up at baseball's winter meetings a few years ago with two showgirls and an Elvis impersonator in tow.

He's been rebuffed for both moral and financial reasons, but the fast-growing city now has a relatively affluent population of 2 million and might eventually prove so attractive that it can't be ignored.

Stern hasn't budged from his insistence that there be no betting on the NBA as a condition for any team to locate in Las Vegas. But he had no problem bringing the All-Star game to town and seems to have softened his stance recently by saying it would be a decision made by the owners.

At least one of those owners believes the NBA will be in Las Vegas in a few years.

"I think within five years," said Gavin Maloof, whose family owns both the Sacramento Kings and the Palms hotel-casino in Las Vegas. "Certainly within the decade, absolutely. The city has too much going for it. It's very large, there's a lot of money here, there's a huge local population, and they love basketball."

The NBA isn't the only league hesitant to commit. Baseball flirted with moving the Montreal Expos to the city, but the betting issue and a better offer prompted the league to choose Washington, D.C., instead.

The NFL, meanwhile, is so unfriendly to the city that it won't even allow Las Vegas to be mentioned during the Super Bowl telecast, much less advertise on it. That policy apparently won't change under new commissioner Roger Goodell.

"I think it's a real issue," Goodell said earlier this month at the Super Bowl. "I have my personal views about gambling, and I don't think it's in the best interests of the NFL to have any association with sports betting."

The city's best hope for the immediate future might be the NHL, which is struggling with both attendance and television ratings and doesn't appear nearly as dogmatic about betting.

Jackets fall to much improved Blues 4-2

By Rusty Miller

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Manny Legace didn't know where the puck went, and the officials didn't see enough on tape to determine that it was a goal.

St. Louis rookie David Backes had his first two-goal game in the NHL, leading the Blues past the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-2 on Wednesday night. But what could have been a go-ahead goal for Columbus was disallowed after a video review.

With the score tied at 2-2 at the 7:07 mark of the third period, Anson Carter's wrist shot from the right wing handcuffed Legace, who fell backward into the net with the puck rolling underneath him and apparently over the goal line. His leg blocked an overhead view of the puck, and after a review, it was ruled it was not a goal.

"You guys should know better than I would. Didn't you

see the replay?" Legace asked reporters. "I had no idea where the puck was. It went to Carter and he threw it at the net. It hit the side of the net. I felt it go under my right leg. I didn't know where it was."

When referee Dave Jackson waved off the goal, the result was booed by the crowd — which was sparse, likely due to snow and cold temperatures.

"We never saw the puck cross the line at any time, which is why we initiated a review," Jackson said. "The video was inconclusive, so the call stood."

Three minutes later, Backes scored his second goal to give the Blues the lead for good. Playing in his 25th game, he notched his third and fourth goals — three coming in the last three contests.

Jay McClement streaked along the left boards with the puck before firing a backdoor, tape-to-tape pass that only required Backes to put his stick on the ice to score.

MEN

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Dakich claimed that Turner signaled to him that the game was over by waving his hands.

"I did not see that," said Buffalo coach Reggie Witherspoon. "If there was a signal given, there's still the [television] monitor and you go to the monitor for situations like that."

Witherspoon said he did not see Turner or the other two referees, D.J. Carstensen and Kevin O'Connell, indicate that the game was over.

After a 10-minute delay, the Falcons were assessed a technical foul for leaving the court early. Yassin Idbihi, who had 28 points and 20 rebounds, calmly went to the line and sank two free throws to push the game into overtime.

Dakich said he was not given a time limit to return.

"How the hell do you take that from kids?" Dakich said.

"Those three [referees], what they did was wrong."

After leading for virtually the entire game, BG faced the reality of heading to overtime in-game they thought they had won and had already began to shower to beat the blizzard that was bearing down on the city of Buffalo.

In overtime, the Falcons, still shaken from the events that led to overtime, lost the five minute period 21-13 to lose the game by a margin of eight at 98-90. The Bulls converted 10-of-12 free throws in the final minute to seal the victory. Dakich was beside himself in the post-game.

"They absolutely f---ing cheated us," Dakich said. "I don't give a f---, we got cheated."

The final minutes of regulation overshadowed some great individual performances on both teams.

Idbihi's 28 points and 20 rebounds were both career highs. His 20 rebounds was the eighth highest rebounding total

in Buffalo school history.

Eric Moore came off the bench and notched 24 points and had a key steal on Ryne Hamblet to set up the Bulls' final play in regulation.

Hamblet paced the Falcons with 24 points and six rebounds. Nate Miller had a triple-double, scoring 20 points, grabbing 10 rebounds and dishing out 10 assists. Martin Samarco added 17 points but shot just 6-of-26 from the field.

"I said to our guys in the locker room afterward that we did some good things and it kind of got swallowed up by what happened at the end of the game," Witherspoon said. "We have been on the wrong end of those games a lot when bizarre things happen. It's nice to be on the good end of an unusual ending."

The Falcons will next be in action on Saturday as they travel to Morehead, Kentucky to take on Morehead State University as part of ESPN's Bracket Buster event.

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Race not an issue after lawsuit

By Steve Szkotak
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Race will not be used as a criterion for enrollment in more than two dozen urban journalism programs nationwide under settlement of a lawsuit filed for a white high school student who was rejected.

Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, which sponsors the programs, and other principals agreed to the settlement in return for the legal challenge being withdrawn by the Center for Individual Rights, both parties said yesterday.

The center filed the class-action lawsuit in September on behalf of Emily Smith, 16. She said she was accepted last spring to the Urban Journalism Workshop at Virginia Commonwealth University, but one week later was rejected after program sponsors learned she was white.

The settlement requires VCU and other programs sponsored by Dow Jones to select students "without regard to race." The programs also agree to publicly acknowledge they will offer no preferential treatment or discriminate against any prospect "on the basis of race or ethnicity."

Neither VCU, Dow Jones nor any of the principals admitted any wrongdoing. VCU agreed to pay \$25,000 to Emily and her attorneys and admit her to the program next summer.

"We're very happy with it," said Emily's mother, Jane Smith. She added she had "little

concern" about Emily's reception at VCU. Emily is a junior at Monacan High School in suburban Chesterfield County.

Terence Pell, president of the nonprofit Center for Individual Rights, said the challenge was based on U.S. Supreme Court rulings that have established that colleges cannot operate programs that exclude members of any ethnicity or race. The public interest law firm litigates "reverse discrimination" cases and similar actions.

"It's OK to target underrepresented people. You just can't do this based on race," Pell said in an interview.

Since 1984, VCU's College of Mass Communications has conducted the two-week summer journalism program during which students attend classes, live on campus and produce a newspaper.

The program is intended to encourage minority students to pursue journalism careers. Pamela D. Lepley, a VCU spokeswoman, said the program would not change.

"The program will continue and race-neutral criteria will be used by VCU in the selection of participants," said Ray Kozakewicz, spokesman for Media General Inc., which publishes the Richmond Times-Dispatch and is a sponsor of the VCU program.

While the programs in the past did emphasize minority prospects, "scores of non-minorities have participated in the high school workshops," Dow Jones said in a statement.



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HAZARDOUS DRIVING: A truck driver waits at a stoplight, behind a string of grimy icicles hanging from the roof of his cab on Wednesday morning in Waynesboro, Pa. The overnight wintry mix created several inches of ice in the area. So far, the storm has been blamed for the deaths of 12 people and has left many businesses to fall below average for the holiday.

Husbands, boyfriends bailed out due to winter storm

By Nahal Toosi
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blowing snow and sleet glazed windshields and roads across the Northeast and the Midwest on yesterday, messing up Valentine's Day flower deliveries and wrecking couples' plans for romantic dinners.

The storm grounded hundreds of flights and forced the closing of schools and businesses from Kentucky to Maine. Many of those stuck at home had no heat or lights because of blackouts that affected more than a quarter-million customers.

"I'm just trying to figure out where to take my wife for Valentine's Day," said Skip Daniels, the emergency management director in Sussex County, N.J.

At least 12 deaths were blamed on the huge storm system.

Blizzard warnings were posted for parts of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine, where as much as 2 feet of snow was possible.

The storm's cold, snow, sleet and rain made life difficult for Valentine's Day messengers.

"Cold. Slippery. Nobody has their sidewalks sanded," said Caroline Roggero at Rose Petal Florist in Newport, R.I. "They all want their delivery today."

The storm was a convenient excuse for husbands and boyfriends who forgot to send flowers.

Some delivery drivers got stuck on the roads. Flowers delivered to offices were turned away because the businesses were closed. And customers had to change their orders to have flowers delivered to homes instead of places of work.

"We're hoping people will understand we're doing the best we can do," said Pat Jarvis at Dwyer Florist in Northampton, Mass.

The 15,000-member Society of American Florists says Valentine's Day accounts for more than a third of annual sales.

Spokeswoman Jennifer Sparks said most florists have four-wheel drive vehicles, and many tried to deliver flowers early.

Americans were predicted to spend \$16.9 billion this Feb. 14, according to the National Retail Federation's annual Valentine's Day survey. More than 45 percent of consumers planned an evening out.

Edigio DiPaola, owner of Spennato's Restaurant in Northfield, Ohio — a good place for a romantic dinner with its low lighting, intimate tables, lace tablecloths, Italian wine and marinara sauce — was not expecting much of a Valentine's Day crowd, not with 15 inches of snow on the ground and the temperature in the single digits.

"We are dead," he said, his heavily Italian-accented voice dripping with disappointment. "No one's on the roads. We don't expect anything tonight. It's very bad news — this was a big day for us. Now it will be way below average."

Vermont's state government ordered all nonessential employees home after noon, the New York Capitol in Albany came to a near-halt, and some Pennsylvania state workers were told to stay home. Maine's governor declared a state of emergency to ensure deliveries of heating oil, and New York's governor activated the National Guard.

In upstate New York, more than a foot of snow had fallen by midday in Herkimer County in the Adirondacks, and up to 3 feet of snow was possible. But the brunt of the storm bypassed towns near the east end of Lake Ontario that had been buried by 10 feet and more of lake-effect snow over the past week.

It was too cold and snowy even to make snow angels. Syracuse school officials had planned to try setting a world record for most snow angels in one place on Thursday, but postponed the effort, citing the weather.

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Chrysler cuts workers

By Tom Krisher
The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — For 13,000 Chrysler workers, Feb. 14 will now be known as the Valentine's Day massacre.

Yesterday, Chrysler announced its long-awaited restructuring, which included a 16 percent reduction in its work force, shift reductions, a plant closing and a surprise hint that the plan could lead to a DaimlerChrysler divorce.

The Chrysler plan calls for closing the company's Newark, Del., assembly plant, and reducing shifts at plants in Warren, Mich., and St. Louis. A parts distribution center that employs 100 work-

ers in Streetsboro, southeast of Cleveland, will close this year, and reductions could occur at other plants that make components for those factories.

Chrysler blamed the wrenching restructuring on poor sales after a shift in consumer taste from SUVs and trucks to more fuel-efficient vehicles. Workers blamed management.

With Chrysler's job losses, the domestic auto industry has eliminated or proposed cutting 132,000 manufacturing jobs at 64 U.S. plants since May 2005, said Sean McAlinden, chief economist and vice president of research at the nonprofit Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor.



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Coin depicts famous lovers

By Robert Barr
The Associated Press

LONDON — So maybe Mark Antony loved Cleopatra for her mind.

That is the conclusion being drawn by academics at Britain's University of Newcastle from a Roman denarius coin which depicts the celebrated queen of Egypt as a sharp-nosed, thin-lipped woman with a protruding chin.

In short, a fair match for the hook-nosed, thick-necked Mark Antony on the other side of the coin, which went on public display yesterday at the university's Shenton Museum.

"The image on the coin is far from being that of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton," said Lindsay Allason-Jones, director of archaeological museums at the university, recalling the 1963 film "Cleopatra," which ignited the tempestuous romance between the two stars.

The notion that Cleopatra was not in Taylor's league was hailed as a revelation in British newspapers on Valentine's Day, though the image is hardly a discovery.

Replicas of the denarius can be found on eBay, and images on other ancient coins are no more flattering.

Cleopatra's legend has grown over the centuries.

Plutarch, in the "Life of Antony" written a century after the great romance, said of



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ONE FOR THE COLLECTION: The image of Cleopatra on the silver denarius dated to 32 B.C., is displayed at Newcastle University, Newcastle, England.

Cleopatra: "Her actual beauty, it is said, was not in itself so remarkable that none could be compared with her."

"But the contact of her presence, if you lived with her, was irresistible; the attraction of her person, joining with the charm of her conversation, and the character that attended all she said or did, was something bewitching. It was a pleasure

merely to hear the sound of her voice."

Chaucer, writing in the 14th century, described her as "fair as is the rose in May."

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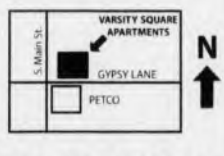
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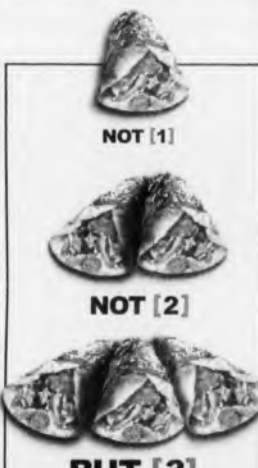
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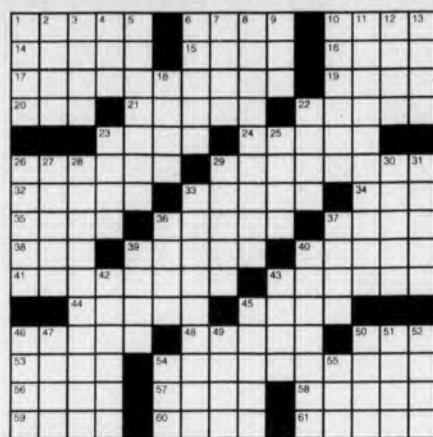
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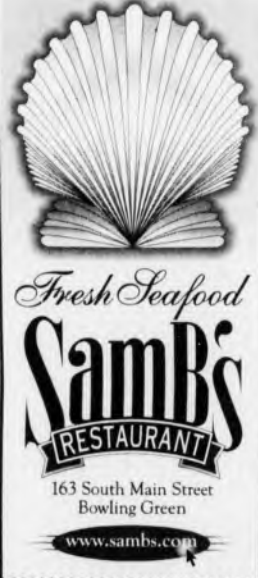


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By Robert Barr

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That is the conclusion being drawn by academics at Britain's University of Newcastle from a Roman denarius coin which depicts the celebrated queen of Egypt as a sharp-nosed, thin-lipped woman with a protruding chin.

In short, a fair match for the hook-nosed, thick-necked Mark Antony on the other side of the coin, which went on public display yesterday at the university's Shilton Museum.

"The image on the coin is far from being that of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton," said Lindsay Allason-Jones, director of archaeological museums at the university, recalling the 1963 film "Cleopatra," which ignited the tempestuous romance between the two stars.

The notion that Cleopatra was not in Taylor's league was hailed as a revelation in British newspapers on Valentine's Day, though the image is hardly a discovery.

Replicas of the denarius can be found on eBay, and images on other ancient coins are no more flattering.

Cleopatra's legend has grown over the centuries.

Plutarch, in the "Life of Antony" written a century after the great romance, said of



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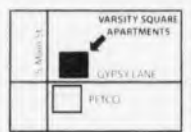
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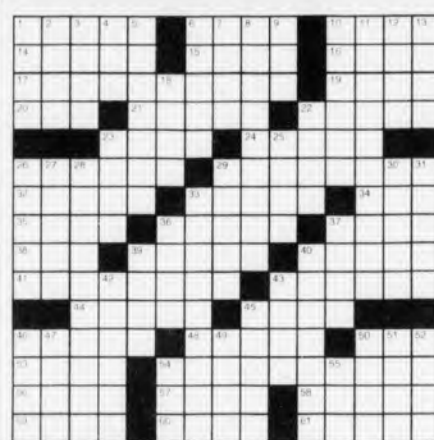
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Welcome to the first edition of the Gavel for 2007.

The Greeks have already hit the road running this semester.

Greek awards were held and rightfully congratulated those chapters who have exuded excellence in the past year.

The Gavel congratulates everyone who was honored at Greek awards and encourages you to keep the momentum going for next year.

As the temperatures fall and the pipes in the sorority or fraternity house make loud noises at 9 a.m., trust me, I lived through it for two years, it is easy to find alternative activities to going to class.

However, it is important to persevere. Throw your lettered hoodie on and fight the Bowling Green wind that practically can cut you in half. Look on the bright side, at least you can be identified should this occur!

As of today, seniors have 78 days until May graduation. That includes weekends, breaks and holidays.

Now is the time to get a start on the dreaded job hunt. However, being Greek provides advantages that non-Greeks aren't as privy to. **ALUMNI!**

The definition of alumni is someone who has graduated from college, has a job and wants to help you!

Only 20 percent of jobs are advertised. Using my quick math skills, that means that 80 percent of jobs are not made aware to the general public.

This is where networking comes in. Networking is the best way to get the job you want and being Greek gives you a network of thousands of people who have access to your dream job.

For those of you who aren't going to graduate yet, don't worry! You can still work on landing the dream job of your choice.

Throughout my BGSU career, I have been honored to complete five internships. I am finding as I apply for jobs, there are still people who have done more internships and have better experiences than I have. I find that quite scary!

It is so important to start early. Check with your alumni base to see if there are any internships or co-ops in your area. Visit Web sites and ask family and friends if they have any good ideas.

The resources we have on campus are exceptional. The career center and the co-op/internship office is willing and able to help you with your job seeking needs. Use them!

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Each year, the division of Greek Affairs welcomes new Graduate Students to not only to the program, but to our family as well.

This year, Greeks lucky to have five new Grads from across the country to help in different areas of the Greek Community.

Sarah Decker comes to BGSU from Ohio University where she got her undergraduate degrees in both

Spanish and Education. She currently is assisting with the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Greek Week.

Decker chose Bowling Green State University because she said, "It was the best fit for me and offered the best education in the field of College Student Personnel."

Working with the Interfraternity Council this year is **Steve Lerer**.

He comes from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Like Decker, he also double majored, but in the fields of criminal justice and psychology.

"My favorite part of becoming a member of the Bowling Green community are the many talented students that I am able to work with on a daily basis, and of course, the incredible Blizzards at Dairy Queen," Lerer said.

Kevin Lipine is working with the Scholarship and Assessment area of Greek Affairs.

Lipine attended North Central

College as an undergraduate where he received degrees in Mathematics, Secondary Education and Organizational Leadership.

He said his favorite part about the University is working with the fun staff and chose this community because it was "a quality group of people, doing great things for Student Affairs."

Assisting with the areas of Health and Wellness, as well as, Staff Recruitment and Development is **Daniel Miller**.

Miller received his undergraduate degree in Advertising from the University of Florida; which he still remains a die-hard fan.

It is obvious Miller brings the comic relief to the group when he said that it was the "great weather and calm winds" that brought him to BGSU, in which he then stated that BG had "much better weather than Florida."

This not to mention his favorite part of Bowling Green is the cheap gas.

Last, but certainly not least, is **Laurel Pfeffer**, who is working with Public Relations and Recruitment.

Pfeffer earned her degree in Journalism, with a focus in Public Relations from Ball State University.

"I chose BGSU because of its impeccable reputation and the feeling of collaboration and support I saw during my interview days. I knew this was the program for me," Pfeffer said.

Each of these five individuals bring different styles of leadership, experiences, and knowledge; which in turn will help the Greek program grow and flourish into something even bigger than it already is.

They show dedication and desire to the program, day in and day out, putting in countless hours to other staff members, and most importantly, the students.

"My favorite part of BGSU is meeting great person after great person and making some friendships I know will last for a long time," Decker said.

"I love working with the amazing Greek staff in the Fish Nest, but also love working with the students. Students at BG are so involved and dedicated and it really keeps me in touch with why I love this profession so much," Pfeffer concluded.



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PIED FOR CHARITY

ALPHA OMICRON PI GETS PIED FOR THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

KATIE VAN METER
REPORTER

If you were walking past the Union Oval last semester, you may have seen something a little out of the ordinary.

The women of Alpha Omicron Pi were there with a big white board with red letters that said "AOPI" and featured a hole cut out in the center of the "O."

The ladies used this board as a part of their charity event to earn money for the important charity of the Arthritis Foundation, which helps raise money for American youth who struggle with arthritis.

Each AOPI member pre-sold \$10 worth of tickets; each ticket costing one dollar or six tickets costing five dollars.

The tickets could also be purchased at the actual event, where members of the chapter allowed ticket purchasers to hurl a pie in the direction of their face.

On Oct. 16, 2006 the members, with a borrowed pie board from the University of Toledo Alpha Omicron Pi chapter, turned on some music and allowed the "pieing" to begin.

Ticket holders flocked to the event and were able to choose

any one of the girls to shove a cream pie in her face.

"A lot of the new girls got pied," said Kali Neundorfer, who was in charge of the fund raiser.

Some of the girls pied that day were Shelby Shaw, Kelsy Focht, Monica Flores and Megan Stimac.

By the end of the day the members of Alpha Omicron Pi successfully raised \$578.00 for the Arthritis Foundation and both the pie-ers and the pie-ees had a great time in the process.

For more information about the Alpha Omicron Pi's Arthritis Foundation, visit the Web site at aoiifoundation.org.



PIED FOR ARTHRITIS: Members of Alpha Omicron Pi celebrate their successful philanthropy, "AOPI in the Face." The event raised about \$600.

RESIDENTIAL FAREWELL

KAT FISH, FORMER PANAHELLENIC PRESIDENT, REFLECTS ON HER TERM AND HER GREEK LIFE

KAT FISH
GUEST COLUMNIST

As I look back on my Greek Experience at BGSU, representing the Panhellenic community as president is one of my greatest honors.

When I joined Sigma Kappa in the fall of 2002, I never would have thought I would hold such a distinguished position on campus. I was coming close to the end of my term as my chapters' president, when I decided to take a bigger step by running for Panhellenic President.

Once I was elected, I knew I had to fill some pretty big shoes and I was excited to work with the other women who were elected. When I finally began my term I was slightly overwhelmed with the amount of meetings and duties that I had representing the council.

As the year went on these meetings became second nature and the duties of president continued to grow.

One of the first challenges as president was forming an executive

board that was comfortable with one another.

The women that I had the chance to work with this past year definitely did not have trouble making this happen.

All of us came from entirely different chapters but we were able to come together for our one main reason, to unify the Panhellenic community.

With this goal in mind, the council too began participating in Panhellenic sisterhoods.

These sisterhoods paired two chapters together for a night of philanthropy or sisterhood fun. Some of the chapters came up with the events such as Pumpkin Carving, Karaoke Night or Movie Night.

Greek life in general has been the biggest influence on developing my leadership skills.

By being Panhellenic President, I feel I've matured and also enhanced my professional relationships with many BGSU faculty and administration.

A big part of being the president

was representing the council in numerous meetings within the University. I feel through these meetings I gained practice and knowledge on how to conduct myself in such a setting.

This position also gave me the opportunity to set aside my Greek letters and think about the Greek community as a whole.

I was able to learn more about each council and the members making up their organization. I feel fortunate to have been able to work with such a diverse group of people.

What I also took from this position was making difficult decisions and choices. Not every position I took made always made people happy.

But when I step back and look at why I did these things, I realized that I was just fulfilling my presidential duties. These decisions and choices were made in hopes of continuing to build up and strengthen our Greek community.

After graduation, I am hoping I will be a field consultant for my national headquarters. I want



REPRESENTING GREEKS PROUDLY: Kat Fish, along with other Greek leaders, represent the BGSU Greek system at the Mid-American Greek Conference Association.

the opportunity to visit other campuses to learn about their Greek communities and to provide them with ideas or suggestions that worked here at BGSU.

I feel my prior Greek experience

will definitely come in handy at other campuses. By gaining such a position I feel the knowledge I have gained from the Greek community will continue to grow.

GAVEL

SOUND OFF WITH JOSH BENNER

JOSH BENNER, THE YODA OF GREEK WISDOM, GIVES ADVICE IN HIS OWN WAY



JOSH BENNER
COLUMNIST

Statistics show the majority of people who come to college never considered joining a fraternity or sorority before they set foot on campus.

Like many of you, I am in that same category. Before I came to Bowling Green, there was no way I would have ever gone Greek. In fact, it is still sometimes hard for me to believe I am in a fraternity. I'll be in a chapter meeting, and I think, "Wow, I can't believe I'm actually a part of this," or I'll be laying down to go to sleep and I think, "I can't believe I live in a fraternity house," or I'll be paddling a freshman and...ok, ok, that

last one was just a joke (it's actually a bamboo cane).

I think one of the best parts of going Greek is the lifetime memories that are a result and more importantly, the lifetime friendships.

Just think about all of the stories you're going to have when you leave this place. There will be some awesome stories you'll tell your children someday and some even more awesome stories you will never tell your children about as long as you live.

Never lose sight of the opportunities you have in your organization. This is the only time in your entire life where you will live with and around all of your friends.

I sometimes think we lose site of the reasons why we joined to begin with. When times like these happen, I think that it is important to look back at the great times you've had with your brothers or your sisters and all of the fun you have had with them in the past.

There was the time when one of my brothers and I found an old chair in a dumpster, took it out and carried it in the middle of the night from East

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Never lose sight of the opportunities you have in your organization. This is the only time in your entire life where you will live with and around all of your friends.

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Merry back to campus. That may not seem very far, but it is when you're lugging a recliner!

There was the time I saw a signup sheet for the Academic Bowl and I thought that it was a football trivia game (because the sign had a picture of a football going through goal posts) and when I actually read the rules an hour before the competition, I found out that it was general trivia and we got DESTROYED.

There are the ridiculous times, like the time one of my brothers put on a sweater vest and beige slacks and walked to class carrying a golf club — another one of my brothers put on an all navy blue jumpsuit (like what Siesic would wear) carrying his bag of clubs with a sign on his back with the last name of the person dressed as a golfer. He then proceeded to give him advice as he chipped and puttied the ball to class as to what club he should select.

Don't ask me why.

There was the time we had a social scheduled with a sorority and there was a miscommunication so none

of them showed up, so it was just a bunch of guys drinking in Halloween costumes (obviously everyone was over the age of 21, to the best of my knowledge).

Certainly, it's hard to manufacture these experiences that you look back and laugh at. It's not like you can pre-plan "Alright, this is going to be a good time that all of us will talk about for years to come." No, things are unique and special have to just come naturally, but if you're involved and loyal to your fraternity or sorority, whichever one it may be, I truly believe it will be a worthwhile experience. You get out of it what you put into it.

I talked about this in my last Gavel column, but I am always amazed at our alumni events when I see older members of my fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, who are sometimes 40 or 50 years out of college and who talk to each other as if they had never left BG, as opposed to me who is actually on the 45- year plan.

One story that I heard from an alumnus brother (his name was Jim) was he went to Bowling Green in the early 60s.

Jim and his best friend John when they were undergrads were roommates in the house for two years and then shared an apartment off campus for their senior year.

The two men married women who were good friends of each other and were also sorority sisters.

Over the years as Jim worked in Columbus and John traveled in the air force, but the two men remained close. Their families would often times take vacations and ski trips together.

Interestingly enough, Jim's daughter and John's son, who had known each other, basically since infancy, ended up getting married, making the two fraternity brother in-laws.

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Sadly, John was diagnosed with brain cancer, his health deteriorated and early this summer, he succumbed to his illness.

When I heard Jim tell this story, it was almost as if a piece of him had died.

Phi Delta Theta for both of these men was a lifetime commitment - and that - is what Greek life is all about.

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WHY GO GREEK?

KEVIN STEVENS, A BROTHER OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA, SHARES HIS STORY AS TO WHY HE CHOSE GREEK LIFE

KEVIN STEVENS COLUMNIST

This article takes a deeper look into the question many of us in the Greek community continually try to answer, a question we are selves have asked of others, "Why Go Greek?"

This is the next installment of a short series of different views of a few Greeks on why some of us in the Greek community have decided to go Greek.

I hope those not in the Greek community can read this article and form a better understanding of what it's like to Go Greek.

I had the opportunity to speak briefly with Matthew Cable of Lambda Chi Alpha and Leo Svoboda of Delta Chi, both are fraternities here at the University.

I would now like to share with you their own perspectives on

why they decided to Go Greek.

Matthew Cable of Lambda Chi Alpha had this to share.

"The reasons I went Greek are somewhat different than the reasons I enjoy being Greek now. I decided to join a fraternity because, as a freshman in college, I was seeking friendship which was difficult to find in Kreischer on a floor that was largely music majors."

"At the same time, I was weary of fraternities. I was certain I did not want to 'buy my friends,'" Cable continued.

"Once I came to know Lambda Chi Alpha as an organization and its brothers, I realized there was more to it than simply buying my friends."

"I could name all the offices I have held and list my resume that Lambda Chi has afforded me but that is not what I value the most out of this experience. I value what Lambda Chi has

taught me about being a brother, man, friend and all around better person. There is a greater value to our organization that. To reduce it to a mere resume builder would not capture the true value of the organization."

"I value the extremely close and intimate friendships I have built here within my organization and the Greek community. I have experienced a level of trust, closeness and companionship the likes of which I could have never fathomed four years ago. That is the reason to go Greek."

Leo Svoboda of Delta Chi also had a powerful story as to why he went Greek.

"There are definitely tangible reasons for why I love being Greek. Of course there are hundreds of opportunities for leadership positions. I myself have served as Social Chair and Recruitment Chair for my chapter and I am currently serving as my chapter's Vice President."

"Also I have had many opportunities to get involved in the community. I recently finished a term on the Executive Board for the Inter-Fraternity Council; I am a chairman on the Greek Housing Allocations Board and an Emerging Leaders Team Leader for the Greek Leadership Team."

"During my tenure in these positions, I have had a number of opportunities to interact and network with administrators and faculty, as well as learn things about myself and practice leadership skills that will definitely help me when I begin my career in the next year or so. But it's more than that," Svoboda concluded.

The reason I really love being Greek is that I can't explain what goes on between my brothers and myself and my



BROTHERLY LOVE: Svoboda and his Delta Chi brothers enjoy time together through various Greek activities such as brotherhoods and retreats.

best friends. We live for each other. When someone has a great personal accomplishment we are there to celebrate and congratulate them.

When someone experiences a personal tragedy, we are there to support them, be it as mundane as a break-up or as serious as a loved-one passing away.

When one of us is in the hospital, someone is there everyday, at least to say hi, despite the fact the majority of us are too busy to sleep. I've had them as my safety net and I've been theirs through good times and bad times.

We cry, laugh, celebrate and mourn together. And yeah I can tell you all this, but until you see it, it's hard to comprehend the magnitude of it.

People ask me why I went Greek and I tell them that's it's hard to explain.

If someone asked me why I

pay for my friends I would tell them that if I pay for my friends I don't pay enough.

I can name 40 plus guys who would drop everything to be there for me.

That's not something you pay for, that's something else. But I can't explain, you'd have to see it for yourself.

I would like to conclude by thanking all those who have taken the time to help me with this article.

I also hope this has helped those of you out there who have always had trouble answering this question or even for those of you who have never even thought about it.

Furthermore, I urge those of you who are not members of the Greek community to go and visit a chapter on campus and I hope maybe you'll see what over 10% of BG students have seen, why they to, Go Greek.



BOYFRIENDS IN ARMS: Cable, pictured above with his Lambda Chi Alpha brothers credits his will to be a better person to his fraternity involvement.

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GITTCHA GREEK ON

RECOGNIZING GREEKS IN EXCELLENCE

COLLEEN VERBUS REPORTER

How did these outstanding Greeks get their holidays on?

Read and find out as Colleen Verbus asks four Greeks—Michelle Cooper, Katy Ferrell, Tierney Grayson and Steve Dutton, the difficult questions, such as, "What is your favorite Starbucks drink?"

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MICHELLE COOPER
GREEK INDEPENDENT BOARD

FRATERNITY:

Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity

MAJOR:

Intervention Specialist

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS:

She is also a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Greek Leadership Team, Black Student Union and Dance Marathon. She also is a child care specialist.

WHAT WAS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?:

She just wanted money due to the fact that she is very picky.

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER BREAK?:

She went to New Orleans with OCI and then she went to Hilton Head Island for New Year's.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY SPECIAL?

It's a tie between the claymation, "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" or 24 hours of "A Christmas Story"

FAVORITE SONG:

"All At Once," by the Fray or "Again" by John Legend.

FAVORITE STARBUCKS DRINK?

Venti soy upside down Chai latte with a little whipped cream.



KATY FERRELL
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

SORORITY:

Chi Omega Sorority

MAJOR:

Middle Childhood Education- Science and Reading

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS:

She is involved in Dance Marathon and Homecoming. She also works at Max and Erma's.

WHAT WAS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?:

She wanted nothing more than teaching clothes.

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER BREAK?:

She wrote lesson plans for Science and Language Arts seventh graders.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY SPECIAL?

She loved "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "It's a Wonderful Life."

FAVORITE SONG:

She is currently hooked on all of the Christmas music that the infamous Trans-Siberian Orchestra performs.

FAVORITE STARBUCKS DRINK?

She usually partakes in a Venti Vanilla Bean Frappuccino with no whipped cream.



TIERNEY GRAYSON
NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

SORORITY:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

MAJOR:

Communications

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS:

She is not only the president of NPHC, she also is a student fitness instructor at the Rec and a student assistant at the center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives.

WHAT WAS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?:

Her list included money, gift cards and a pair of diamond studded earrings.

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER BREAK?:

She planned a safari—through the malls for fabulous after Christmas sales.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY SPECIAL?

She is particularly fond of claymation Christmas specials with Rudolph and Santa.

FAVORITE SONG:

"Upgrade," by Beyonce

FAVORITE STARBUCKS DRINK?

Tierney can be found sipping a grande, non-fat caramel machiatto.



STEVE DUTTON
INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

FRATERNITY:

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

MAJOR:

Human Development and Family Studies

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS:

He is involved in Dance Marathon and Orientation. He also works at the Office of Campus Involvement and the Wellness Connection.

WHAT WAS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?:

He would like a Nintendo Wii so he can learn how to sword fight.

WHAT DID YOU DO OVER BREAK?:

He went to Florida and watched every TV show on DVD there is. He also spent quality time with his dog, ChaCha.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY SPECIAL?

"Twenty-four hours of 'A Christmas Story,' fuuuuudge."

FAVORITE SONG:

Anything on 101.5—All Christmas music, all the time.

FAVORITE STARBUCKS DRINK?

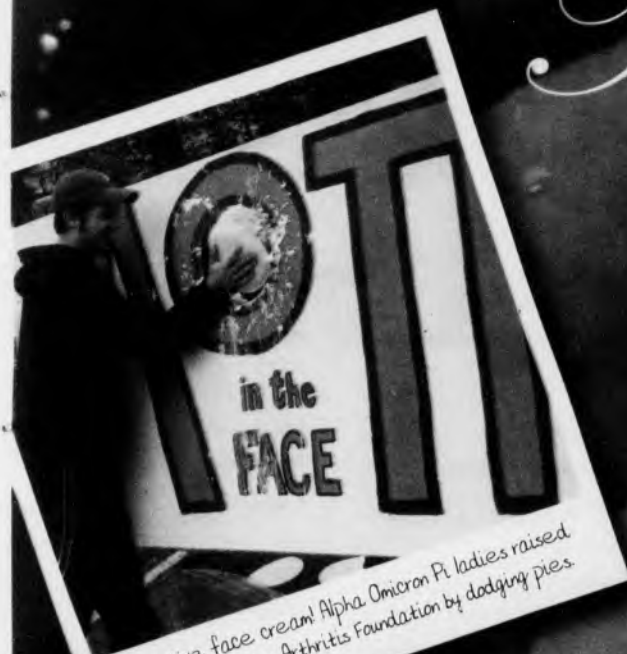
A Grande Chai Tea with skim milk and a piece of Marble Loaf.

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Alternative face cream! Alpha Omicron Pi ladies raised almost \$600 for the Arthritis Foundation by dodging pies.



Coming home! KA Chbe Paesson, homecoming king ΔX Tommy Balokis and AXΩ Ashley Howard celebrate homecoming.



Welcome to the family! The sisters of Alpha Phi welcome their new members on big/little night.



Thanks for the memories! The former ladies of Panhellenic Council celebrate a successful term and wish luck to the new council.